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MEETING NOTICE

The second meeting of the Committee on Child Care will be held on September 29, 2010. The meeting will convene at 9:00 A.M. in the Senate Chamber of the State House, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Committee will hear testimony concerning the following:

- (1) The Bureau of Child Care process for inspections of child care providers, findings, and violations, including statistical information concerning health and safety in child care in Indiana
- (2) Differences/disparities in child care regulations applying to different types of child care providers in Indiana
- * Individuals who would like to testify concerning this issue are asked to structure their testimony to:
 - (A) speak to the individual's proposed solution to any problems the individual believes are caused by the differences/disparities (including methods to equalize the differences/disparities); and
 - (B) incorporate in any proposed solution consideration of the charge of the Committee specified in IC 12-17.2-3.3-5:
 - "...(b) The committee's recommendations...must further the following child care regulation purposes:
 - (1) To provide support for families in need of reliable, high quality child care.
 - (2) To encourage and support high quality child care providers.
 - (3) To allow for a variety of methods of child care provision and allow each family to determine the method preferred for the family's children.
 - (4) To promote access to available and affordable child care by parents.
 - (5) To encourage the state to access all available federal funds for child care.
 - (c) The committee's program of study must include consideration of the following:
 - (1) The effect of child care and child care regulation on families.
 - (2) Encouragement of high quality child care.
 - (3) Issues related to the child care workforce, including job satisfaction, compensation, and turnover.
 - (4) A review of child care models.
 - (5) Ensuring the safety of children.
 - (6) Any need for reorganization and refocusing of governmental agencies responsible for regulation of child care.
 - (7) Parental rights."

Individuals with questions or who would like to testify at this meeting should contact Ann Naughton, Attorney for the Committee, at (317) 232-9575 before September 27, 2010. (The meeting will be broadcast over the Internet for those unable to attend. Please visit http://media.ihets.org/senate to watch the Webcast.)

